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Preparations for Holiday CircleFest Begin Nov. 3 with Lantern Workshops at The Cleveland Museum of Art

CLEVELAND (Oct. 24, 2006) — In preparation for the 13th annual **Holiday CircleFest** (1-6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006), the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) will offer batik lantern-making workshops for the **Winter Lights Lantern Festival** (Dec. 1, through Dec. 10, 2006) as its signature contribution to Holiday CircleFest. **Lantern-making workshops will be offered Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons, Nov. 3-19, 2006.**

The created batik lanterns will be used during the climax of the Lantern Festival on Sunday evening, Dec. 3, in which a glowing parade of lantern carriers will proceed from the Museum's main entrance at 5:30 p.m. to Wade Oval, where the procession will encircle artist-created *Environment of Light* installations.

The fee for the three-part workshop is $25 for individuals or $75 per family (up to five family members; $15 for each additional person). The fee includes materials to make one lantern per person ($15 for each additional lantern). Participants may choose one session each week (and they are able to switch between Friday sessions and Sunday sessions), including: 6-8:30 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 3, 10, 17; and 2-4:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 5, 12, 19. To register, call (216) 707-2483. Children under 15 must register and attend with an adult.

Inspired by batik traditions from around the world (such as: Indonesia, Japan and Nigeria), participants will create their own dye design on the silk or paper provided, and will then produce batik lanterns made from the finished fabric stretched over a frame of wire, split reed or red twig dogwood.

Holiday CircleFest is a day of seasonal music, gift shopping, workshops, and refreshments hosted by the University Circle community. For more information about Holiday CircleFest, visit the University Circle Web site at www.universitycircle.org.

The Museum receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The museum is a pivotal international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art acquisitions. For more information on the museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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